

RIVERTON CITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the
Regular Council Meeting
Held August 6, 2013
6:45 PM

The regular meeting of the Riverton City Council was held on the above date and time, duly convened by Mayor Ronald O. Warpness at 6:48 p.m. City Council Members present were Todd Smith, Jonathan Faubion, Rich Gard, Eric Heiser, Mary Ellen Christensen, and John “Lars” Baker. Council Member Smith led the Pledge of Allegiance. Mayor Warpness declared a quorum of the Council.

City Staff present were City Administrator Steven Weaver, City Clerk/Director of Administrative Services Courtney V. Bohlender, Chief of Police Mike Broadhead, Community Development Director Sandy Luers, Utility Division Manager Dawn Willhelm, and Administrative Secretary Kristin Watson.

Approval of the Agenda – Council Member Heiser moved, seconded by Council Member Smith to approve the agenda as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

Executive Session – Council Member Heiser moved, seconded by Council Member Christensen to convene into Executive Session at 6:49 p.m. for the purpose of Personnel. Motion passed unanimously. City Administrator Steven Weaver was invited to attend the Executive Session. Council Member Gard moved, seconded by Council Member Baker to reconvene into Regular Session. Motion passed unanimously at 7:07 p.m.

Communication from the Floor – Council Member Mary Ellen Christensen presented the Mayor with an award for the “Best Political Float” and the Chief of Police with an award for second place in the equine division of the Fremont County Fair Parade.

Consent Agenda – City Clerk/Director of Administrative Services Courtney V. Bohlender read the consent agenda items by title only: Approval of the Minutes – July 16, 2013 Regular Council Meeting; Approval of the Minutes – August 5, 2013 Finance Committee Meeting; Approval of the Finance Committee Recommendations – August 5, 2013; Approval of the Municipal Court Report for the month of July 2013; Approval of Delinquent Fines of Deceased Defendants – July 2013; Catering Permit Applications: Back Bar – August 10, 2013, CWC Rodeo Booster Club @ Fremont County Fairgrounds, 2:00 pm – 12:00 am; Back Bar – August 11, 2013, CWC Rodeo Booster Club @ Fremont County Fairgrounds, 2:00 pm – 12:00 am; LaPeyre – August 17, 2013, Wedding Reception @ Reach Foundation, 4:00 pm – 12:00 am; Bar Ten – August 28, 2013, Fundraiser for Skate Park @ Fremont County Fairgrounds Heritage Hall, 4:00 pm – 12:00 am. Finance Committee recommended approval of the bills to be paid in the amount of \$933,250.04, manual checks in the amount of \$8,600.00, payroll/liabilities for 7/26/13 in the amount of \$340,058.50, for a total of \$1,281,908.54. Council Member Heiser moved, seconded by Council Member Faubion to approve the consent agenda as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

Introduction of New Dispatcher Meghan Miller; Introduction & Oath of Office for New Officer Mariah Wilson – Chief of Police Mike Broadhead introduced new dispatcher Meghan Miller and Police Officer Mariah Wilson to the Council. Mayor Warpness conducted an Oath of Office for Police Officer Mariah Wilson.

Cedar Mountain Tree Care Business License – Council Member Faubion moved, seconded by Council Member Christensen to approve the business license for Cedar Mountain Tree Care. Motion passed unanimously.

Riverwalk Project Bid Award – Council Member Heiser moved, seconded by Council Member Faubion to approve the bid award in the amount of \$293,216.60 to Dave’s Asphalt for the Riverwalk Project. After some discussion with regard to using reserve funds and a donation of \$50,000 from The Depot Foundation to help with the project shortfall of \$143,000 that was not covered by the grant, the motion passed unanimously.

Riverview Utility Improvement Project Bid Award – Council Member Faubion moved, seconded by Council Member Gard to reject the bid award for the Riverview Utility Improvement Project due to lack of funding. After some discussion, motion passed unanimously.

G F Subdivision – County Plat – Council Member Smith moved, seconded by Council Member Gard to approve the G F Subdivision Plat. After some discussion, Council Member Faubion moved, seconded by Council Member Heiser to amend the motion to include authorizing Mr. Weaver to send a letter to the County regarding the neighbor’s safety concerns that were addressed in tonight’s meeting. Motion passed with Council Members Gard and Smith voting nay. The original motion as amended passed unanimously.

Michael Sweglar Variance – Council Member Baker moved, seconded by Council Member Smith to allow a variance for vehicular access across the right of way, providing it is satisfactory to the irrigation ditch company and the City code. After some discussion, motion passed unanimously. Council Member Smith moved, seconded by Council Member Heiser to allow a variance for an arena with the contingency of a lease agreement. After some discussion, motion passed unanimously. After discussing the variance for the barn with the property owners, Council Member Faubion moved, seconded by Council Member Heiser to deny the variance for the barn. Motion passed unanimously.

Ordinance No. 13-006, Third & Final Reading – Drivers’ License Requirements – City Clerk/Director of Administrative Services read Ordinance No. 13-006 by title only. Council Member Heiser moved, seconded by Council Member Faubion to approve Ordinance No. 13-006 on third & final reading. A roll call vote was conducted and the motion passed unanimously.

Ordinance No. 13-007, Third & Final Reading – Auto Insurance Requirements – City Clerk/Director of Administrative Services read Ordinance No. 13-007 by title only. Council Member Gard moved, seconded by Council Member Smith to approve Ordinance No. 13-007 on third & final reading. A roll call vote was conducted and the motion passed unanimously.

Ordinance No. 13-008, Third & Final Reading – Updating Language in RMC to Coincide with Wyoming State Statutes – City Clerk/Director of Administrative Services read Ordinance No. 13-008 by title only. Council Member Smith moved, seconded by Council Member Faubion to approve Ordinance No. 13-008 on third & final reading. A roll call vote was conducted and the motion passed unanimously.

Property Liquidation – Vacant Parcel on East Jackson – Council Member Faubion moved, seconded by Council Member Heiser to submit a counter offer for \$20,000. After some discussion, motion passed unanimously.

One Percent Committee (FORCC) Recommendations – Watt Court Overlay Project – Council Member Heiser moved, seconded by Council Member Baker to approve option 2, taking the difference between option 1 & 2 from the Streets & Alleys Maintenance line item. After some discussion, motion failed with Council Members Baker and Christensen voting aye; and Council Members Smith, Faubion, Gard, Heiser, and Mayor Warpness voting nay. Councilman Faubion moved, seconded by Councilman Smith to get three (3) competitive quotes for the Watt Court Overlay Project. Motion passed unanimously.

One Percent Committee (FORCC) Recommendations – Woodridge Estates Overlay Project – Council Member Heiser moved, seconded by Council Member Gard to award the Woodridge Estates Overlay Project to 71 Construction in the amount of \$358,771.00. After some discussion, Council Member Smith moved to table this item until the next Regular Scheduled Council Meeting in order to review the receipt of this month’s One Cent distribution.

Council Committee Reports & Council Members’ Roundtable – Council Members Baker, Christensen, Heiser, Gard & Faubion reported on the mosquito report, fair parade, Recreation Board, and Rendezvous activities, respectively.

City Administrator’s Report – Mr. Weaver thanked Courtney for her help with the Rendezvous Committee, and announced that he is looking forward to the Job Corps groundbreaking. Mr. Weaver stated that the cutting/spraying of weeds on sidewalks has been taking place on Main Street, Federal Blvd, Pershing & Sunset by City staff. Mr. Weaver asked the Council for some direction with this practice. It was the consensus of the Council to discuss this issue at a later Council Meeting.

Mayor’s Comments – Mayor Warpness commented on the trip to Jackson that he and Steven went on to see the solar/renewable energy that Jackson is using. Mayor Warpness thanked everyone who helped out with the fair parade float.

Adjourn – There being no further business to come before the Council, Mayor Warpness adjourned the Regular Council Meeting at 9:40 p.m.

CITY OF RIVERTON, WYOMING

Ronald O. Warpness
Mayor

ATTEST:

Courtney V. Bohlender
City Clerk/Director of Administrative Services

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